

Dataset for individual-level analysis: pejones_PB_indiv.RData

- N rows = 54,734
- Each row represents one ANES respondent

Name	Description	Values
id2	Unique identifier for respondent	
year	Year of ANES survey	
weight	Weight from ANES	
retro_finstat_f	Retrospective evaluation of own financial status	-1 Gotten worse 0 Stayed the same 1 Gotten better
retro_econ_f	Retrospective evaluation of economy	-1 Gotten worse 0 Stayed the same 1 Gotten better
retro_unemp_f	Retrospective evaluation of unemployment	-1 Gotten worse 0 Stayed the same 1 Gotten better
retro_inflation_f	Retrospective evaluation of inflation	-1 Gotten worse 0 Stayed the same 1 Gotten better
retro_cost_f	Retrospective evaluation of cost of living	-1 Gotten worse 0 Stayed the same 1 Gotten better
retro_general_f	Retrospective evaluation of country generally	-1 Gotten worse 0 Stayed the same 1 Gotten better
retro_world_f	Retrospective evaluation of position in world	-1 Gotten worse 0 Stayed the same 1 Gotten better
retro_business_f	Retrospective evaluation of business conditions	-1 Gotten worse 0 Stayed the same 1 Gotten better
retro_war_f	Retrospective evaluation of chances of war	-1 Gotten worse 0 Stayed the same 1 Gotten better
retro_income_f	Retrospective evaluation of own income	-1 Gotten worse 0 Stayed the same 1 Gotten better
retro_forrel_f	Retrospective evaluation of foreign relations	-1 Gotten worse 0 Stayed the same 1 Gotten better

pidi	Partisanship with respect to incumbent president	In-partisan Out-partisan Independent
InParty	Indicator variable for in-partisan	
OutParty	Indicator variable for out-partisan	
Ind	Indicator variable for Independent	
age	Age in decades	
income	Annual family income percentile	1 0-16th percentile 2 17th-33rd percentile 3 34th-67th percentile 4 68th-95th percentile 5 96th-100th percentile
educ	Education	1 8 grades or less 2 9-12 grades, no diploma.equiv. 3 12 grades, diploma 4 12 grades, diploma plus training 5 Some college, no degree 6 BA degree 7 Advanced degree
female	Indicator variable for female	
white	Indicator variable for White	
awareness	Average of seven awareness items listed below	
iwr_info_pre	Interviewer observation of information (pre)	0 Very low .25 Fairly low .5 Average .75 Fairly high 1 Very high
iwr_info_pst	Interviewer observation of information (post)	0 Very low .25 Fairly low .5 Average .75 Fairly high 1 Very high
int_elections	Interest in campaigns	0 Not much interested .5 Somewhat interested 1 Very much interested
int_pubaffairs	Interest in public affairs (how much follow politics)	0 Hardly at all .33 Only now and then .66 Some of the time 1 Most of the time
kn_hor_pre	Know House majority party (pre)	0 Incorrect 1 Correct
kn_hor_pst	Know House majority party (post)	0 Incorrect 1 Correct
kn_sen_pre	Know Senate majority party (pre)	0 Incorrect 1 Correct

Dataset for multi-level analysis: pejones_PB_multi.RData

- N rows = 602,074
- Each row represents one retrospective evaluation from an ANES respondent

Name	Description	Values
id2	Unique identifier for respondent	
year	Year of ANES survey	
weight	Weight from ANES	
retro_eval	Retrospective evaluation	-1 Gotten worse 0 Stayed the same 1 Gotten better
retro_eval_type	What retrospective evaluation is of (corresponds to variables in individual-level dataset)	retro_finstat_f retro_econ_f retro_unemp_f retro_inflation_f retro_cost_f retro_general_f retro_world_f retro_business_f retro_war_f retro_income_f retro_forrel_f
retro_eval_group	Category of retrospective evaluation	Pocketbook Sociotropic Foreign
economic	Indicator variable for economic evaluation	
pocketbook	Indicator variable for pocketbook evaluation	
pidi	Partisanship with respect to incumbent president	In-partisan Out-partisan Independent
InParty	Indicator variable for in-partisan	
OutParty	Indicator variable for out-partisan	
Ind	Indicator variable for Independent	
age	Age in decades	
income	Annual family income percentile	1 0-16th percentile 2 17th-33rd percentile 3 34th-67th percentile 4 68th-95th percentile 5 96th-100th percentile

educ	Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 8 grades or less 2 9-12 grades, no diploma.equiv. 3 12 grades, diploma 4 12 grades, diploma plus training 5 Some college, no degree 6 BA degree 7 Advanced degree
female	Indicator variable for female	
white	Indicator variable for White	
awareness	Average of seven awareness items as in individual-level dataset	
polar_congress	Elite polarization in Congress	
polar_congress.m	Elite polarization in Congress (mean-centered)	
change_gdp	Change in GDP	
change_gdp.m	Change in GDP (mean-centered)	
change_gdp2	Change in GDP squared	
change_gdp.m2	Change in GDP squared (mean-centered)	
unified_govt	Indicator variable for unified government	
pres_election	Indicator variable for presidential election year	
time	Years since first survey	
time.m	Years since first survey (mean-centered)	